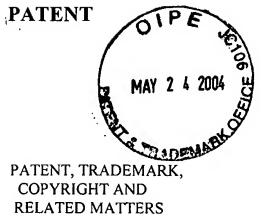
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#### REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Reply (under 37 C.F.R. §1.111) is responsive to an Office Action dated January 20, 2004. The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on April 20, 2004. Accordingly, enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time and the associated fee to extend the period for response to today's date.

Please amend the application as follows.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence, along with any paper or fee indicated as being enclosed, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to Office Action (9 pgs.) in the above-captioned application.

[XX] Small entity status of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(b) has been established.

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[	]	It is believed that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional
		petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has
		inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37
		C.F.R. §1.136(a).

[XX] Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) - (d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extens Month		Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee For Small Entity
[XX]	1 Month	\$110.00	\$ 55.00
	2 Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
	3 Months	\$950.00	\$475.00
[ ]	4 Months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
[ ]	5 Months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

- A Terminal Disclaimer Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and (c) is enclosed. An Assignment ( pgs.) is enclosed. Assignment Cover Sheet (1 pg.) An Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 ( pgs.) is enclosed. Form PTO-1449. References [XX] Fee Transmittal for FY2004 – Form PTO/SB/17 (1 pg.) is enclosed. [XX] A postage-prepaid, self-addressed postcard to acknowledge receipt of this communication is enclosed.

] Other

- ] Marked-Up Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121 (pgs.) is enclosed.
- ] Figure with amendments marked in red ink. (pg.) is enclosed.

[XX	No additional claim fee is required.		
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[XX	Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.		
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Respectfully submitted,

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